



## Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley

August 30, 1947 - August 8, 2016

Ella Mae "Elly" Stevens Kerley, age 68 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed from this life Monday evening, August 8, 2016, at 8:25 PM at the Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion following a courageous battle with cancer. Elly was surrounded by members of her loving family at the time of her passing.

Elly was born August 30, 1947 at the Union County Hospital in Anna, Illinois. She was the daughter of Waldo H. and Arminta "Shorty" Parker Stevens.

Elly was united in marriage to Carlos W. Kerley on September 3, 1965 at the West Vienna United Methodist Church. He survives.

Additionally, Elly is survived by: her sons – Junior (his wife, Sheila) Kerley of Rogersville, Missouri and Steve (his wife, Kim) Kerley of Smithton; 2 granddaughters – Caitlin and Savannah; 2 brothers – Jim (his wife, Darlene) Stevens of West Vienna and Bill Stevens of Vienna; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many dear friends.

Elly was preceded in death by her parents – Waldo H. Stevens and Arminta Stevens Johnson as well as an infant grandson – Cody Wayne Kerley.

Elly was a 1965 graduate of Vienna High School. She was a devoted

homemaker and provided home day care service. Later, she was employed by J.W. Reynolds Monument Co in Vienna and the Chocolate Factory at Dixon Springs.

Elly loved quilting and made many quilts. She also enjoyed making embroidered handcrafts. Elly is fondly remembered for her love of family gatherings and the joy she took in preparing and sharing holiday meals. She was of the Methodist faith.

Funeral services honoring the life of Elly Stevens Kerley will be conducted Saturday afternoon, August 13, 2016, at 2 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Kerley Cemetery in the Flatwoods community.

Visitation will be held from 11 AM – 2 PM Saturday at Bailey Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Heather Harper Treat Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 98, Vienna, Illinois 62995, or to the County Line Baptist Church or Kerley Cemetery Fund either of which may be sent in care of Donnie Morris, 146 Bull Pen Road, Simpson, Illinois 62995.

# Cemetery Details

## Kerley Cemetery

Kerley Lane  
Simpson, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 13.** 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Thank You for thinking of others during this hard time. Elly was a kind person and we are saddened to hear of her passing but we know that she is not suffering any more. God Bless you and your family.*

**Heather Treat Memorial Directors** - August 16, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to all your family. As a fellow classmate through the years, the memories of you I cherish the most are those of a bubbly little red-haired girl that took a shy, scared little girl under her wing and was a true friend to her during our first years of school together at Vienna Grade School. Your caring ways will always be remembered.*

*Verna Kay (Odum) Gunther*

**Verna Kay (Odum) Gunther** - August 13, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ *Jill Hall lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



**Jill Hall** - August 13, 2016 at 10:39 AM



“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley



Jeannie McCall - August 13, 2016 at 09:10 AM



*My dear friend and sister-in-law, love you forever!*

Jeannie McCall - August 13, 2016 at 09:12 AM



“ The Miller Family-Jason, Dana, Noah, Wyatt & Lila purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley.



The Miller Family-Jason, Dana, Noah, Wyatt & Lila - August 12, 2016 at 10:52 AM



“ Jason Grant lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley



Jason Grant - August 11, 2016 at 05:51 PM

BR

“ *Jim and Darlene,  
Mom, Debbie & I are so sorry for your loss.*



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**Bob Rentfro** - August 11, 2016 at 04:57 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Darlene Stevens lit a candle in  
memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Jim and Darlene Stevens** - August 10, 2016 at 08:38 PM

LB

“ *Love, Nathan and Beth Bortolotti purchased the  
Arrive in Style for the family of Ella Mae "Elly"  
Kerley.*



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**Love, Nathan and Beth Bortolotti** - August 10, 2016 at 08:32 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Ella  
Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Elizabeth Kerley** - August 10, 2016 at 03:00 PM

RM

*I Want to extend to the family from the family of Martha Sue Parker Macy. We extend to you our sympathy for the loss you are experiencing from the lively active life Elly was known for. May God comfort you now and in the days to come. Ron Macy*

**Ron Macy** - August 12, 2016 at 09:46 PM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



**Linda and Jeff Mathis** - August 10, 2016 at 02:44 PM

ER

“ *Elaine Rotan lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



**Elaine Rotan** - August 10, 2016 at 09:44 AM

LC

“ *Very sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.*

**Larry and Dianna Choate** - August 10, 2016 at 09:08 AM

CC

“ My dear family, I want you to know that I share in your grief for my Aunt ELLY. Not only was she beautiful on the outside but her inside beauty, love and caring could never be missed! She has always been so kind to me and I could never forget this. The story of the white canvas tennis shoes! I was about 11 or 12 yrs old. We were washing dishes in grandma's kitchen after a family meal. I was living with mom and my sister, Diane across the fields, where Uncle Kenny lives. We were poor, although I really didn't even know that at the time.(I was a kid!) I mentioned to her how much I loved her white canvas tennis shoes. She asked what size I wore, I told her. Of course you know that smile came right out, she took them off her feet, handed them to me and went home barefoot! I felt so loved and special that day and have never forgotten that sweet, kind and loving gesture! I look back now and realize she was probably only 19 or 20 yrs old but she sure kept her kindness and I have always loved her! We know she's with God now and if we are good will see her again someday. Her beautiful red hair, green eyes and oh my, what a smile and blessed glow abounds her. I love you all. Your niece and cousin, Cathy Ann Stockton Copley

Cathy Stockton Copley - August 10, 2016 at 07:35 AM

TR

She loved white tennis shoes....reminded me of my dingy ones that she had me take off my feet so she could "BIZ" them white again. :)

Treca - August 10, 2016 at 03:37 PM



Cathy I have never heard that story. And yes, that's mom! Jr

Carlos Kerley - September 07, 2016 at 01:22 PM

PJ

“ *Paula James lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Paula James** - August 09, 2016 at 10:28 PM

PJ

*So sorry for your loss.I was honored to have cared for such a sweet wonderful woman with such a loving family! You are all in my thoughts and prayers.God Bless You*

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**Paula James** - August 09, 2016 at 10:33 PM

FB

“ *Faye Bowman lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Faye Bowman** - August 09, 2016 at 09:23 PM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Mike and Teresa Richerson** - August 09, 2016 at 08:04 PM

JB

“ *Jim & Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Jim & Pat Blankenship** - August 09, 2016 at 03:40 PM

NW

“ *Neal & Carol Watkins lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Neal & Carol Watkins** - August 09, 2016 at 02:33 PM

MA

“ *Mitzie Nichols Augustus lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Mitzie Nichols Augustus** - August 09, 2016 at 11:43 AM

JF

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time.*



*Richard and Joan Owen*

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**Joan Faulkner-Owen** - August 09, 2016 at 10:30 AM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley



Larry and Carolyn McGill - August 09, 2016 at 10:03 AM

TA

“ She will be greatly missed. Absolutely love to sit at aunties when we would do cookies and listen to the stories of days gone by. She was an awesome person and very loved.



Taylor Ames - August 09, 2016 at 09:59 AM

BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley



Bill and Barb Warmack - August 09, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ Cracra Morris lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley



Cracra Morris - August 09, 2016 at 09:27 AM

DM

“ *Donnie & Jolene Morris lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Donnie & Jolene Morris** - August 09, 2016 at 08:51 AM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Rich and Karen Brumley** - August 09, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JS

“ *John & Nadene Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**John & Nadene Slack** - August 09, 2016 at 08:27 AM

DH

“ *Dallas & Charles Harner lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Dallas & Charles Harner** - August 09, 2016 at 08:12 AM

MM

“ *Myrla Miller lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**myrla miller** - August 09, 2016 at 08:10 AM

CW

“ *Cheryl Webb lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Cheryl Webb** - August 09, 2016 at 08:06 AM

TR

“ *No words can explain. But the world is less brighter today. Heaven shines!!*



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**Treca** - August 09, 2016 at 07:20 AM

JN

“ *Judy Nutty lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Judy Nutty** - August 09, 2016 at 06:46 AM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Becky Turley** - August 09, 2016 at 05:55 AM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - August 09, 2016 at 05:37 AM

TM

“ *So sorry for your loss!! Sending prayers to ALL of you!!*



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**Theresa McKenzie** - August 09, 2016 at 04:49 AM

JR

“ *James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Ella Mae "Elly" Kerley*



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**James & Diane Rainbolt** - August 09, 2016 at 02:19 AM